

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1801/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Douglas DC3 aircraft ban

I understand that under EU-Ops, the European Commission is proposing to ban the continued operation of Douglas DC3 aircraft in commercial pleasure flights. Is the Commission aware that these historic aircraft are not used in the normal commercial aviation sector, but in a very specialised sector, and will it provide me with a reasoned justification, together with details of any risk assessment performed on this aircraft type prior to the ban being announced?

Given the special nature of such aircraft, will the Commission consider a derogation to these rules, at least in order for a proper risk assessment to be carried out?